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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed April 3, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Species I, corresponding to Claims 1-7, 10-16, 19-26 and 28.